

Why Vote Labour

In ten years of Austerity, Tory cuts to council funding have taken £2bn out of services for the people of Leeds - equivalent to £2,500 per person. Despite this, Labour in Leeds have protected the most vulnerable people in the city, investing in Adult Social Care and Children's Services.

Our achievements:

- ✓ Supported Leeds communities through the COVID-19 crisis by setting up 33 community hubs which have provided 64,000 food parcels and help with shopping, prescription collection, fuel, baby and hygiene products, welfare and befriending support.
- ✓ Supported Leeds businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic by providing over £170 million in business grants.
- ✓ Declared a Climate Emergency, pledged to becoming carbon neutral by 2025, led the way by having the largest fleet of electric vehicles of any council in the country and embarked on an ambitious tree planting programme to plant 5.8 million trees over the next 25 years.
- ✓ Committed to being a Living Wage City, paying all our staff above the National Living Wage and committing £5.7m to increased pay for care workers.
- ✓ Kept council tax lower than Manchester, Sheffield, Newcastle, Liverpool, Bristol and Nottingham.
- ✓ Delivered a council house building programme which will result in 1,500 new homes in the next 5 years.
- ✓ Kept all our 56 Children's Centres, continued to deliver youth work across the city and kept open libraries and leisure centres.

Only a vote for Labour can protect Leeds families from cruel Tory cuts. The harsh reality of Tory austerity is the risk of children going hungry in school holidays. The Tories voted against free school meals through the holidays and had to be shamed by a footballer into changing their minds. In Leeds, our Healthy Holidays project is tackling child poverty by providing free activities and food for families throughout school holidays.

Fiona volunteering with the Healthy Holidays programme





Fiona with fellow Kirkstall councillors, John Illingworth and Hannah Bithell.



Fiona has been a fantastic councillor for Kirkstall since her election in 2014. From standing up for our children & schools, to working to reduce speeding on our roads, to supporting the local coronavirus help hub, she is always working hard for our community.

Rachel Reeves MP

Fiona is a strong and passionate advocate for the people of Kirkstall. She has worked tirelessly to campaign for improved services and representing the views of people in the community. She's genuine, approachable and truly cares about our neighbourhood. I'm proud to be supporting her in this election, so she can continue her valuable work.

Lucinda Yeadon (Hawsworth Resident)

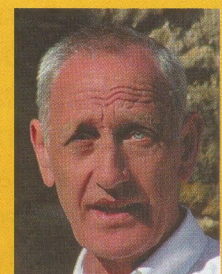


In the light of COVID-19 as our city rebuilds and recovers, it is important that we have councillors who will represent our best interests. As a young person I am voting for Fiona as I know she will protect all of our key services, and work hard to stand up for all who live in Kirkstall.

Katie Lowes (Burley Resident)

In my experience Fiona in her role as a Councillor is always contactable, always pleased to be engaged and help with community activities and is known for her different colour hair shades and glittery shoes over many years.

John Liversedge (Kirkstall Resident)



Re-Elect Fiona Venner

Kirkstall an even better place



Helped local residents to develop a skate board park



Refurbishment of Clayton Court and Clayton Heights



Campaigned with local residents for new zebra crossings on Queenswood Drive and Spen Lane



Working with local residents on an Anti-Graffiti and Tagging Campaign



Securing funding for art work and improvements around Kirkstall Leisure Centre



Anti dog-fouling campaigns with local children

Some images pre-date COVID-19 regulations.

Kirkstall and the Climate Emergency



Kirkstall Floods, 2015

Residents and businesses of Kirkstall have first-hand experience of the devastating impact of climate change, having experienced the flooding of 2015. Fiona was at the forefront of the community clean-up and has worked since to help businesses to recover and to support our MP, Rachel Reeves, in her campaign for adequate funding for flood defences.

As Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Adult Social Care, Fiona also works with children and young people to develop their ideas to tackle the climate crisis, such as Meat Free Mondays, increased recycling and tree planting in schools.



Fiona speaking at Leeds City Council youth summit on the Climate Emergency



TRACY BRABIN
Mayor for West Yorkshire



Building a greener future

West Yorkshire will be the place to invest in green and sustainable industries.

As mayor, Tracy Brabin will champion our region's ambitious climate targets – providing zero carbon solutions for heavy vehicles and heating as well as creating good jobs and ensuring we are a world leader exporting tech and knowledge. Tracy will tackle the climate emergency and the consequences such as flooding and poor air quality.

Tracy said:

"West Yorkshire has seen the impact of climate change, not least from flooding. We must work together to create a greener economy. As mayor I will hold the government to account and fight for funding for flood prevention schemes."

"I want to make West Yorkshire a world leader in green technologies, I want us to invest in sustainable industries and create skilled, green jobs that boost our economy."

Promoted by Paul Nicholson on behalf of Tracy Brabin both at 20/22 Cheapside, Wakefield, WF1 2TF



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As a Kirkstall resident, living in the heart of the ward, I am delighted to be standing for re-election as your Labour candidate in the 2021 local election. Since being elected in 2014, I have been a passionate and energetic campaigner and a strong voice for Kirkstall on the Council. I've worked with local children on anti dog-fouling campaigns, secured the refurbishment of the Clayton Court and Clayton Heights flats, fought for new zebra crossings on Queenswood Drive and Spen Lane and helped residents set up community groups.

During the past year, I have supported children, families and businesses in our community with shopping, food deliveries, gas and electricity payments, access to business grants and support with childcare proceedings. Besides representing Kirkstall on the Council, as the Cabinet Member on Leeds City Council for Children, Families and Adult Social Care, I advocate for some of the most vulnerable people in the city. This includes being the lead for looked after children and care leavers, the Youth Service, Youth Justice Service and Children's Centres, care homes, home care and the Neighbourhood Networks that support older people.

For nearly 30 years, I've worked in front line mental health services, including 15 years as the Chief Executive of local charity Leeds Survivor Led Crisis Service.

I pledge to you that I will continue to:

- X Support individuals, children, families, businesses and communities to recover and rebuild from COVID-19.
- X Work with colleagues, children and young people to tackle the Climate Emergency, including campaigning for better public transport.
- X Develop green space within the ward, including improvements for Burley Park, Wolseley Road play area and a new playground on West Park fields.
- X Campaign for increased pedestrian crossings across the ward.
- X Develop youth work in the area.
- X Run regular surgeries and attend all meetings of Kirkstall tenants' and residents' groups, so I can accurately represent your views.

Fiona Venner



I love cats and tweet as @fionavenner pictures of cats I meet while campaigning.

I am a marathon runner and can often be seen running in the Abbey grounds with my running coach, Dookie.



Fiona Venner

Vote**Labour**

Thursday 6th May

Promoted by Andy Rontree on behalf of Fiona Venner both at 17 Lumley Avenue, Leeds LS4 2LR and promoted by Paul Nicholson on behalf of Tracy Brabin both of 20/22 Cheapside, Wakefield, WF1 2TF.
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